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## SELECTING A GOOD SOUTHERN LAWN GRASS

In choosing a grass for his lawn, the owner usually has the choice of selecting a grass that will thrive under existing conditions or of selecting the grass that he wants and then modifying the conditions to meet the requirements of that grass.

Grasses suitable for lawns in the warm humid region are: Bermuda - common, Transvaal, Tifton 57 and Tifton 127; centipede, carpetgrass, St. Augustine grass, and the Zoysia species - matrella, japonica and Meyer Zoysia.

Generally recommended seeding rates are: Common Bermuda-grass, carpetgrass, and the centipede, 4 ounces to 1,000 square feet; Zoysia japonica, 1 pound to 1,000 square feet.

### REQUIREMENTS

Grasses for which no seed is available and which must be planted vegetatively are Bitter-Bluestem, common St. Augustinegrass, Zoysia matrella and Meyer Zoysia. Selected strains of Bermuda-grass such as Transvaal, Tifton 57 and 127, must also be planted vegetatively because no seed is available.

Grasses that require a well-drained soil are the Bermudas and centipede. Those more tolerant of poorly drained soils are the Zoysias, carpetgrass and St. Augustine grasses.

The Bermuda grasses require a relatively high level of fertility. Those tolerant of lower levels of fertility are the Zoysias, carpetgrass, centipedegrass and St. Augustinegrass.

The grasses that do well in shade are St. Augustine and the Zoysias. Grasses that require more sunlight are the Bermudas, carpetgrass and centipede.

Grasses that need a large amount of moisture are carpetgrass and St. Augustine grass. Drought-tolerant grasses are the Zoysias, Bermudas and centipede.

The Zoysias, Bermudas, carpet, centipede and St. Augustine should be cut at one-half inch or 1 inch.

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